

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Derek Kan, of California, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

**COVID-19 SCAMS**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Manufacturing, Trade, and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine protecting Americans from COVID-19 scams, after receiving testimony from Andrew Smith, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Derek Schmidt, Kansas Attorney General, Topeka; Stu Sjouwerman, KnowBe4, Inc., Clearwater, Florida; and Laura MacCleery, Center for Science in the Public Interest, Washington, D.C.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael N. Nemelka, of Utah, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Investment, Services, Labor, Environment, Africa, China, and the Western Hemisphere), with the rank of Ambassador, and Christian N. Weiler, of Louisiana, and Alina I. Marshall, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax

Court, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Marshall Billingslea, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, C.J. Mahoney, of Kansas, to be Legal Adviser, who was introduced by Senators Roberts and Moran, and Carlos Trujillo, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary (Western Hemisphere Affairs), all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**COVID-19, SENIORS, AND RACIAL HEALTH DISPARITIES**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the COVID-19 pandemic and seniors, focusing on racial health disparities, after receiving testimony from Dominic H. Mack, Morehouse School of Medicine National Center for Primary Care, Atlanta, Georgia; Mercedes R. Carnethon, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois; Eugene A. Woods, Atrium Health, Charlotte, North Carolina; and Rodney B. Jones, Sr., East Liberty Family Health Care Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 24 Public bills, H.R. 7694–7717; and 3 resolutions, H.Res. 1057–1059, were introduced. **Pages H3610–11**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H3612**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3591**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:32 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H3595**

**Oath of Office—Twenty Seventh Congressional District of New York:** Representative-elect Chris Jacobs presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter received from Mr. Robert Brehm and Mr. Tom Valentine, Co-Executive Directors, New York State Board of Elections, indicating

that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held June 23, 2020, the Honorable Chris Jacobs was elected Representative to Congress for the Twenty Seventh Congressional District, State of New York. **Page H3595**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlemen from New York, the whole number of the House is 431. **Page H3596**

**William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021:** The House passed H.R. 6395, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a yea-and-nay vote of 295 yeas to 125 nays, Roll No. 152. Consideration began yesterday, July 20th. **Pages H3598–H3607**

Rejected the Green (TN) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 201 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 151.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.”.

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Agreed to:

DeGette amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 116–457) that was debated on July 20th that adds the text of H.R. 2546, the Protecting America’s Wilderness Act (by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 146);

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Neguse amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 116–457) that was debated on July 20th that adds the text of H.R. 823, the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act to the bill and withdraws, permanently one million acres of public land surrounding Grand Canyon National Park that are already (as of 2012) subject to a 20-year moratorium on new mining claims (by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 147);

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Dean amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 116–457) that was debated on July 20th that provides up to \$10,000 in immediate assistance to pay down the balance of private student loans (by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 149); and

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Takano amendment (No. 29 printed in H. Rept. 116–457) that was debated on July 20th that closes a federal loophole by making military education benefits such as Department of Defense Tuition Assistance count as federal educational assistance funds and limits the availability of federal funds for proprietary for-profit institutions unless the institution derives at least 10% of funds from sources other than federal funds (by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 150).

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Rejected:

Omar amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 116–457) that was debated on July 20th that sought to establish a policy framework for the accelerated withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan (by a yea-and-nay vote of 129 yeas to 284 nays, Roll No. 144);

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Jayapal amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 116–457) that was debated on July 20th that sought to strike the statutory requirement that the Pentagon provide annual Unfunded Priorities lists to

Congress (by a yea-and-nay vote of 173 yeas to 241 nays, Roll No. 145); and

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Pocan amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 116–457) that was debated on July 20th that sought to reduce overall authorization level by 10% (by a yea-and-nay vote of 93 yeas to 324 nays, Roll No. 148).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment, including corrections in spelling, punctuation, section and title numbering, cross referencing, conforming amendments to the table of contents and short titles, and the insertion of appropriate headings.

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H. Res. 1053, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 6395), (H.R. 7027), (H.R. 7327) and the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 1957) was agreed to yesterday, July 20th.

**Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 6395:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 1055, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 6395.

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**Unanimous Consent Agreement—Consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 1957:** Agreed by unanimous consent that, notwithstanding House Resolution 1053, during consideration of the motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1957 pursuant to such resolution, debate on such motion to concur shall not exceed 80 minutes, with one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 1058, electing a Member to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Comer wherein he resigned from the Committee on Agriculture.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Nine yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3598, H3599, H3600, H3600–01, H3601–02, H3602, H3602–03, H3606, and H3606–07.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AN OVERVIEW OF THE FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD BOX PROGRAM

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the Farmers to Families Food Box Program”. Testimony was heard from Greg Ibach, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

### PATHWAY TO A VACCINE: EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A SAFE, EFFECTIVE AND ACCESSIBLE COVID-19 VACCINE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Pathway to a Vaccine: Efforts to Develop a Safe, Effective and Accessible COVID-19 Vaccine”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CONSULAR AFFAIRS AND THE COVID-19 CRISIS: ASSESSING THE STATE DEPARTMENT’S RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Consular Affairs and the COVID-19 Crisis: Assessing the State Department’s Response to the Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from Ian Brownlee, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and Karin King, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Overseas Citizen Services, Department of State.

### MONUMENTAL DECISIONS: A LONG OVERDUE RECKONING WITH RACIST SYMBOLS ON OUR PUBLIC LANDS

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing entitled “Monumental Decisions: A Long Overdue Reckoning with Racist Symbols on Our Public Lands”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Brown of Maryland and Norton; and public witnesses.

### GETTING VETERANS BACK TO WORK AFTER COVID-19

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Getting Veterans Back to Work After COVID-19”. Testimony was heard from Margarita Devlin, Principal Undersecretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Charmain Bogue, Executive Director, Education Services, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veteran Affairs; John Lowry, Assistant Sec-

retary, Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the United States and China, focusing on winning the economic competition, 9:30 a.m., WEBEX.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 933, to improve data collection and monitoring of the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts, S. 1730, to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make grants to State and local governments and nongovernmental organizations for purposes of carrying out climate-resilient living shoreline projects that protect coastal communities by supporting ecosystem functions and habitats with the use of natural materials and systems, S. 3152, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps, S. 3771, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Federal Advisory Committee on the Development and Implementation of Artificial Intelligence, S. 3891, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to advance the development of technical standards for artificial intelligence, to establish the National Program to Advance Artificial Intelligence Research, to promote research on artificial intelligence at the National Science Foundation, S. 3958, to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit the use of incentive payments to expedite certain federally financed airport development projects, S. 4144, to amend the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act with respect to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, S. 4162, to provide certainty for airport funding, and the nominations of Joel Szabat, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Michael P. O’Rielly, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Michael J. Walsh, Jr., of Virginia, to be General Counsel, and Mary A. Toman, of California, to be Under Secretary Economic Affairs, both of the Department of Commerce, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 9:45 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 2718, to provide for the conduct of certain water security measures in the State of New Mexico, S. 3811, to provide financial assistance for projects to address certain subsidence impacts in the State of California, S. 4188, to provide for drought preparedness and improved water supply reliability, S. 4189, to provide for drought preparedness